Archie
ADVENTURE SERIES
NO.79 FEB.
US $1.79
CAN $1.99

THE WORLD'S MOST WAY PAST COOL COMICS

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

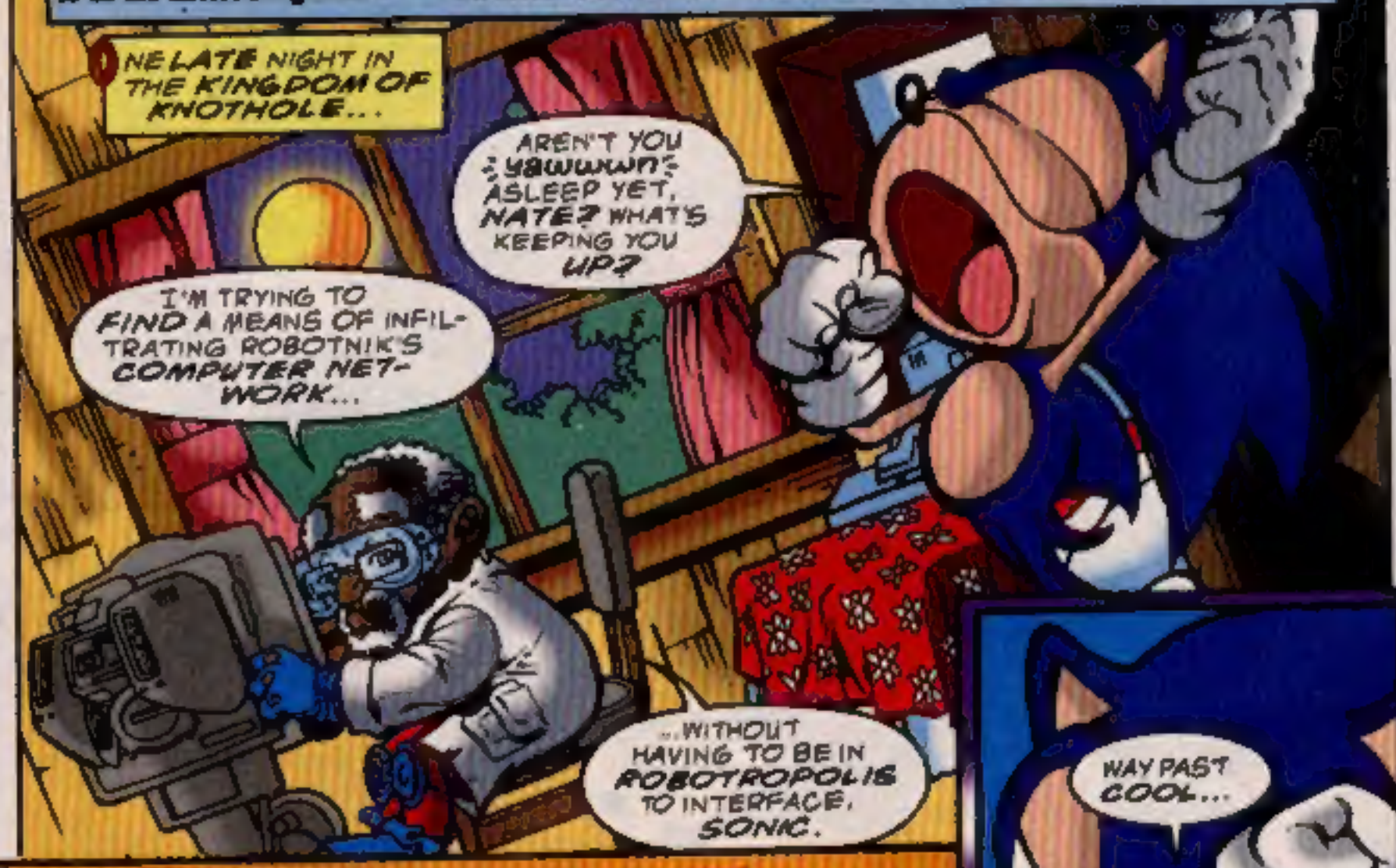
Sega Dreamcast™

SONIC ADVENTURE™ TIE-IN

APPROVED BY THE COMICS CODE AUTHORITY

Turtlewing Productions
Kaifuu.Com

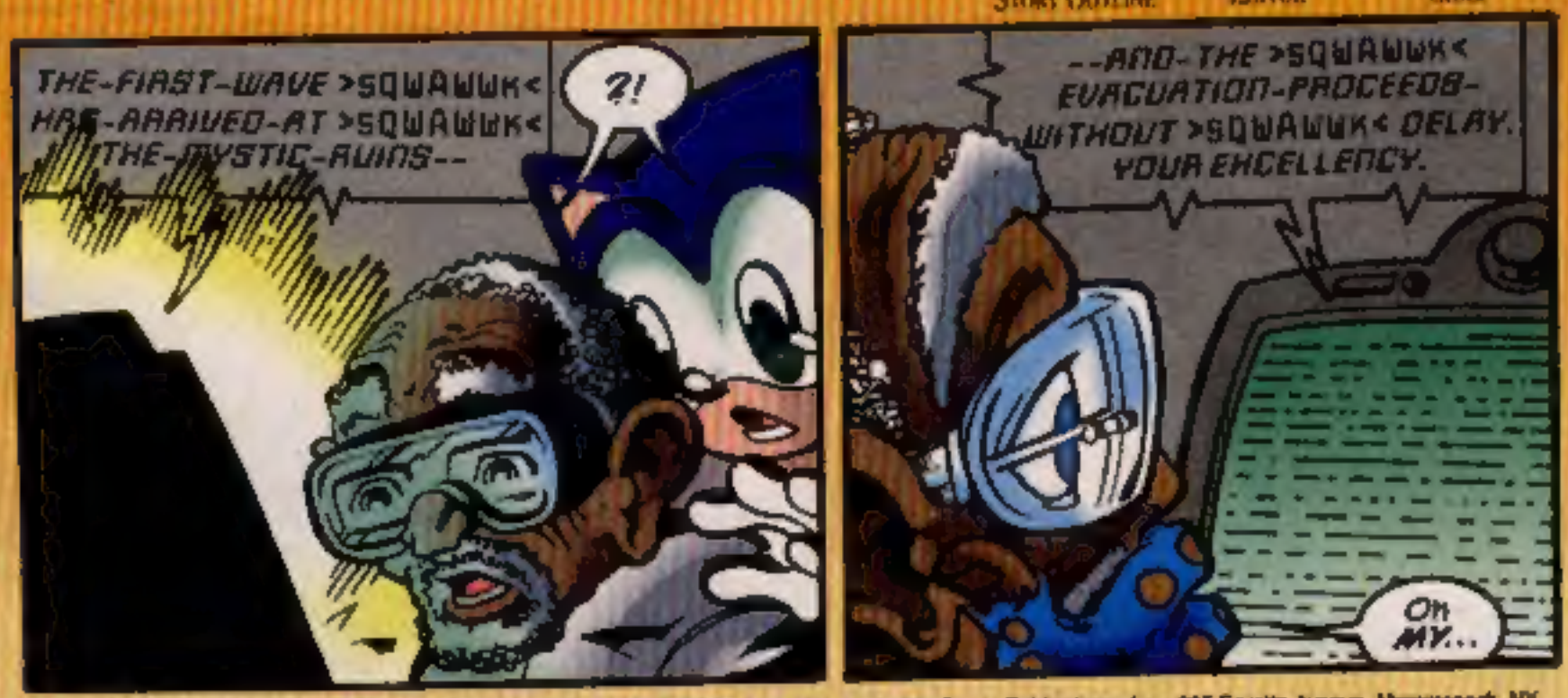
After too long years, the iron-fisted rule of DOCTOR ROBOTNIK over planet MOBIUS was believed to have finally ended! With the technological tyrant vanquished and his smelly factories shut down, order and beauty were restored to the city of MOBOTROPOLIS. Now the villain has returned to wreak havoc once more, but there are many who are willing to stand against him in the fight for freedom. The bravest among them is a brash, blue streak who just happens to be the fastest thing alive! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN THE DISCOVERY

A SONIC ADVENTURE TIE-IN

KARL BOLLERS	FRY	ANDREW PEPOY	FRANK GAGLIANDO	JEFF POWELL	J.F. GABRIK	VICTOR GORELICK	RICHARD GOLDWATER
WRITER	PENCILER	INKER	COLORIST	LETTERER	EDITOR ART DIRECTOR STORY OUTLINE	MANAGING EDITOR	EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG (USPS 10706090), No. 79, Feb., 2000. Published monthly by Archie Comic Publications, Inc., 325 Fayette Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY 10543-2318. Richard H. Goldwater, President and Co-Publisher. Michael I. Silberkleit, Chairman and Co-Publisher. Single copies $1.79 in the U.S.; $1.99 in Canada. Subscription rate: U.S. $21.48 for 12 issues; $23.88 in Canada. All Canadian orders payable in U.S. funds. SEGA is registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Sega, Dreamcast, the Dreamcast symbol, Sonic Adventure, Sonic The Hedgehog and all related characters and indicia are trademarks of Sega. © 2000 Sega. All rights reserved. Used with permission. Any similarities between characters, names, persons, and/or institutions in this book and any living, dead, or fictional characters, names, persons, and/or institutions are not intended and if they exist, are purely coincidental. Periodicals postage paid at the post office at Mamaroneck, New York and at additional mailing offices. Title registered in U.S. patent office. POSTMASTER, send address changes to SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, c/o Archie Comic Publications, Inc., 325 Fayette Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY 10543-2318. Printed in Canada

MINUTES LATER...

ARE YOU CERTAIN, SONIC?

HE'LL WANNA KNOW ABOUT THIS PRONTO, NATE...

...AND THERE HE IS! KING MAX! YOUR HIGHNESS! SIRE!

eh? SIR SONIC...?

IT'S ALL RIGHT, MEN... TAKE A BREAK. I'LL REQUIRE A MOMENT OR TWO.

WHAT IS IT, LAD?

TROUBLE--I THINK! NATE CAN EXPLAIN IT BETTER THAN I CAN!

THE TELECRATE'S RECEPTION WAS TOO GARBLED TO BE SURE, MAX, BUT I BELIEVE THAT DOCTOR ROBOTNIK AND HIS SHADOW-BOTS HAVE DISCOVERED...

...THE HIDDEN CITY OF THE ANCIENTS!

THE HIDDEN CITY OF THE ANCIENTS? I THOUGHT THAT WAS PART OF MOBIAN MYTHOLOGY, UNCLE NATE.

SO DID I... UNTIL I VISITED IT DURING MY GLOBETROTTING DAYS!

AN UNPOLLUTED ECOSYSTEM LIKE THAT NEEDS PROTECTION FROM THE WORLD IN GENERAL. BUT WHERE ROBOTNIK IS CONCERNED...

...IT REQUIRES MUCH, MUCH MORE!

I'M IN TOTAL AGREEMENT, OLD FRIEND--THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT ROBOTNIK COULD BE COOKING UP THIS TIME!

...AND THE HIDDEN CITY NEEDS TO BE FOREWARNED. I WANT BOTH OF YOU TO DEPART FIRST THING IN THE MORNING.

WE'RE ON IT, YOUR HIGHNESS. Uhh... IS SOMETHING WRONG, SIRE? YOU LOOK KINDA OUT OF IT...

I-I'M JUST WORRIED ABOUT ROBOTNIK SPREADING HIS EVIL INFLUENCE, SONIC.

YEAH, BUT--

YOU HAVE QUITE A TRIP AHEAD...

...SO I SUGGEST YOU GET A GOOD NIGHT'S REST.

WHY DO I GET THE FEELING THERE'S SOMETHING HE'S NOT TELLING ME?

THE NEXT MORNING...

RISE AND SHINE, SLEEPY-HEAD!

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US THAT YOU WERE HAVING FRIENDS OVER FOR BREAKFAST, SON?

Hwh? WHADDYA MEAN, MOM N' DAD?

LIKE WHOAH--WAKIN' AND BAKIN'!

THAT'S WHAT YOUR FATHER AND I WERE TRYING TO TELL YOU, SONIC! YOUR FELLOW KNOTHOLE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE HERE --

...BUNNY RABBOT...

...PRINCESS SALLY ACORN...

--AMY ROSE...

...MILES "TAILS" PROWER...

...AND ANTOINE D'COOLETTE!

WHY'RE YOU GUYS OVER SO EARLY, SAL?

WELL, I FIGURED WE SHOULD ALL GET A NUTRITIOUS MEAL...

...BEFORE HEADING OFF TO THE HIDDEN CITY OF THE ANCIENTS, SONIC. DAD HAS REQUESTED WE ACCOMPANY YOU ON THIS MISSION.

I KNOW I'M NOT AN OFFICAL FREEDOM FIGHTER...

...BUT CAN I GO TOO? PLEASE?

WELL... SEE...THE THING OF IT IS...

YOU'RE FAR TOO YOUNG, AMY --THIS ADVENTURE COULD BE DANGEROUS!

SORRY TO SAY IT, KIDDO, BUT THE PRINCESS IS RIGHT.

THEN WHY IS TAILS ALLOWED TO GO? HE AND I ARE BOTH THE SAME AGE!

THIS IS TRUE, AMY ROSE. BUT REMEMBER-- TAILS HAS FACED MANY MORE PERILS IN HIS LIFE THAN YOU HAVE.

WHY, HE WAS PIVOTAL IN THE DEFEAT OF THE OTHER-DIMENSIONAL WIZARD, IXIS NAUGUS', AS A MATTER OF FACT--

DON'T WORRY, MISTER MORGAN... I UNDERSTAND. I WISH I COULD GO, BUT I CAN'T. GUESS I'LL SEE EVERYONE ...LATER.

AYYYYY-MEEEEE!

AND WAITING IN THE WINGS...

YOUR SISTER APPEARS TO BE THE MOST CAREFREE I'VE SEEN HER IN QUITE SOME TIME, PRINCE ELIAS...

...WHICH IS GOOD. SALLY WILL NEED TO MAINTAIN HER FOCUS WHILE SHE AND HER FRIENDS REPRESENT OUR KINGDOM ON THIS JOURNEY.

IS THAT WHY YOU HAVEN'T TOLD HER-- OR ME --THAT MOTHER'S ILLNESS HAS WORSENED?

W-WHAT EVER DO YOU MEAN, SON?

THERE'S NO POINT IN HIDING THE TRUTH, FATHER--I OVERHEARD DOCTOR QUACK INFORMING YOU OF THE BAD NEWS.

WHY ON MOBIUS WOULD YOU KEEP SOMETHING LIKE THAT A SECRET?

PERHAPS I WISHED THE PRINCESS TO HAVE ANOTHER WEEK WITHOUT WORRY--AFTER ALL, THE PROBLEM WILL STILL BE HERE WHEN SHE RETURNS.

PERHAPS...

...AND PERHAPS NOT!

?

CANT SECONDS LATER...

I DON'T KNOW WHY ANYBODY DIDN'T THINK OF THIS BEFORE!

THERE IT IS-- THE ROYAL RELIQUARY!

IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, THAT'S WHERE THE MAGICAL RING OF ACORNS IS NOW STORED.

ACCORDING TO NATE, ALL IT REQUIRES IS A WISH UPON THE RING FROM SOMEONE TRUE OF HEART...

...AND THAT MOBIAN'S GREATEST DESIRE WILL BECOME REALITY. THERE IS A CURE FOR MOTHER AFTER--

-AWAY!

OH MY GOODNESS!

WHAT'S HAPPENING THERE?!

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT ISSUE...

Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!

ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!

KRA-KOOOOM!

AS FAR AS I CAN REMEMBER, I'VE BEEN LIVING HERE ON THIS *DARK ISLAND*.

ALWAYS GUARDING THE *MASTER EMERALD* FROM *ANYTHING* THAT CAN HARM IT.

I DON'T KNOW WHY I WAS GIVEN THIS JOB, WHY IT IS *MY FATE*--

-- DESTINED TO BE HERE *FOREVER!!!*

I SENSE *DANGER* DRAWING NEAR!

THE MASTER *EMERALD*!

THAT--THAT *THING*-- IT'S *ABSORBING* THE EMERALD!

THOUGH I SENSE NO *HOSTILE* INTENT--

--I MUST ACT... NOW!

WHUMF

R-R-R-R-RUMBLE

TOO LATE!

I'VE FAILED!

BECAUSE OF ME--

--MY OWN KIND-- ALONG WITH ALL THE OTHER INHABITANTS OF THE ISLAND--ARE AFRAID FOR THEIR VERY LIVES!

AND MY ANCESTORS-- INCLUDING MY FATHER-- ARE UNABLE TO REACT SWIFTLY ENOUGH AT THE ONCOMING CATASTROPHE!

BECAUSE OF ME--

--EVERYONE-- AND EVERYTHING-- IS DOOMED!

WITHOUT THE MASTER EMERALD'S POWER --

-- THIS WHOLE ISLAND WILL *FALL* INTO THE OCEAN!

KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA

THE FACTOR

KEN PENDERS: WRITER
STEVEN BUTLER: PENCILER
PAM EKLUND: INKER
FRANK GAGLIARDO: COLORIST
VICKIE WILLIAMS: LETTERER
J.P. GABRIE: STORY OUTLINE/EDITOR/ART DIRECTOR

EEEYAAAHH!!

WHAT IS IT WITH THE *DREAMS*?

EVERY NIGHT FOR OVER A WEEK I KEEP *SEEING* THE SAME *IMAGES*!

MAYBE THIS HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE *GENETIC* TINKERING MY FATHER DID ON ME!

HE'S BEEN WANTING TO *TALK* TO ME ABOUT IT—

--EVER SINCE *SALLY*--

NOOO!

MY DREAM!

IT BECAME REALITY!

BUT HOW?

IS IT EVEN *POSSIBLE* THAT I COULD BE *RESPONSIBLE* FOR THIS?

I NEED ANSWERS— AND MY *ONLY* HOPE OF *GETTING* ANY--

—IS WITH MY *DAD* BACK IN HAVEN...

ONCE AGAIN-- *ROBOTNIK* STANDS AT THE THRESHOLD OF *GREATNESS*!

WITH THOSE *SEVEN SHARDS* FROM THE *MASTER CHAOS EMERALD*—

--THE *GREATEST LIVING WEAPON IMAGINABLE* WILL BE *MINE* TO CONTROL AND COMMAND!

IT'S IRONIC TO THINK HOW IT ALL BEGAN WITH AN *OBSCURE* DIGITAL FILE AN *EARLIER* VERSION OF MYSELF HAD OVERLOOKED...

THIS IS *ODD*!

THE INFORMATION DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE *CATALOGUED* OR *CLASSIFIED*!

ASTOUNDING!

IT APPEARS TO BE A *DIAGRAM*— OF THE MOST *AMAZING* CREATURE I HAVE *EVER* BEHELD—

--EXCEPT FOR *MYSELF*, NATURALLY!

ACCORDING TO THE MARKINGS, THIS *CREATURE* IS KNOWN AS *PERFECT CHAOS*--

--AN ENTITY COMPOSED OF *LIVING WATER*!

HOWEVER—

..IT CURRENTLY EXISTS WITHIN A BLACK EMERALD--

--LOCATED SOMEWHERE UNDERGROUND AT THESE MAP CO-ORDINATES--

" --DEEP WITHIN THE *MYSTERIOUS CAT COUNTRY!*"

BEGIN *EXCAVATION* HERE, MY ROBOTICIZED MINIONS!

DON'T STOP UNTIL WE *FIND* WHAT WE CAME *HERE* FOR!

" AND IF WE LOSE A FEW OF YOU ALONG THE WAY--

"--NOBODY EVER SAID THAT *PROGRESS* DIDN'T REQUIRE *SACRIFICES*.."

THIS-CHAMBER-MUST-LEAD-TO-WHATEVER-THE-MASTER-IS-SEARCHING-FOR.

THIS IS *TOO GOOD* TO BE TRUE!

THE *BLACK EMERALD*--

-- JUST SITTING THERE *WAITING* FOR ME!

KRK-AAACK!!

SOMETHING'S WRONG!

THAT'S LESS THAN PERFECT CHAOS!

IT LOOKS WEAK-- ANEMIC!

EVEN IN ITS WEAKENED CONDITION, IT'S DELIBERATELY HEADING DOWN THIS CORRIDOR--

--TO THIS WALL!

IT'S ANOTHER DIAGRAM-- WITH EVEN MORE EXPLICIT MARKINGS!

AHA! SO THAT'S THE PROBLEM!

ACCORDING TO MY MULTI-OPTION ANALYZER--

--PERFECT CHAOS REQUIRES SEVEN POWER EMERALDS TO RESTORE IT TO FULL FUNCTIONALITY!

AND THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE ON ALL OF MOBIUS WHERE I WILL FIND WHAT PERFECT CHAOS NEEDS--

"--THE FLOATING ISLAND!"

WE-WAIT-FOR-YOUR-NEXT-COMMAND-MASTER!

"NOW THAT WE HAVE THE FLOATING ISLAND DEAD IN OUR SIGHTS--

--WE ATTACK!

A CITY?

WHERE DID THIS COME FROM?!

NO MATTER. DESTROY ANY WHO STAND IN OUR WAY!

"ASTONISHING! ACCORDING TO THE DATA BANKS, THE GUARDIAN OF THIS ISLE IS SUPPOSEDLY THE ONLY ECHIDNA KNOWN TO EXIST!

"YET, I WITNESS AN ENTIRE RACE TAKING TO THE STREETS IN RETALIATION!

OBVIOUSLY, A LOT OF INFORMATION I HAVE ON THIS GRAVITY-DEFYING MUDBALL IS OUT OF DATE!

SO LONG AS OUR OBJECTIVE STILL REMAINS WHERE LAST RECORDED..

--THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS TO ME!

WHAT'S THIS? AN ENERGY BARRIER?

COULD OUR INTENTIONS HAVE BEEN ANTICIPATED?

IN ANY EVENT, I SHAN'T BE *STOPPED!*

--MY *SHADOWBOTS* WILL BE ABLE TO GAIN *ACCESS* VIA THE *QUICKEST* MEANS AVAILABLE!

ZZRAAAT!

ZZRAAAT!

BY MERELY PINPOINTING THE POINTS WHERE THE *ENERGY FLUCTUATIONS* RENDER THE BARRIER *WEAKEST* -

BEHOLD!

THUUM!

AT LONG LAST!

THE *PRIZE* THAT HAS *ELUDED* SO MANY FOR SO LONG IS NOW *MINE!*

WITH THIS POWER, *PERFECT CHAOS* CAN NOW BE GIVEN *FORM* AND *SUBSTANCE*--

"--AND ALL IT *COST* WAS THE LIVES OF A FEW *NOBODIES*--

"--PLUS A BIT OF FANCY REAL ESTATE—

"--HOWEVER, I DON'T HAVE TO TAKE THE ENTIRE EMERALD! BLOWING IT TO BITS SHOULD PROVIDE ME WITH THE PIECES I NEED--

"--AS THE FLOATING ISLAND GOES FROM *SOARING* TO *SINKING* IN ONLY MERE SECONDS!"

NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL A *TRADE-OFF!*

HAVING GOTTEN WHAT I CAME FOR--

--IT'S TIME FOR *STAGE TWO!*

WITH THE *DESTRUCTION* OF THE MASSIVE [illegible] A STRANGE ENERGY PATTERN EMERGES AND TAKES SHAPE...

FUH-FUH-FREE!

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT ISSUE...

HE NIGHT GROWS LONG AS EAGER LISTENERS STAY TO HEAR THE TALE OF EVENTS THAT SHAPED THE WORLD THEY NOW INHABIT..

SO LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT-- SIR CHARLES INVENTED THE ROBOTICIZER FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES--

--WHICH PROMPTED HIS DECISION TO SAVE HIS BROTHER--

--BUT UNKNOWN TO HIM WARLORD JULIAN HAD SABOTAGED HIS DEVICE!

SO WHY DIDN'T HE WORK TO FIND A SOLUTION INSTEAD OF GIVING UP IN DESPAIR?

I WAS NEVER AS CLOSE TO CHARLES AS MOST PEOPLE THOUGHT SO TO ME HIS ACTIONS SEEMED VERY MUCH IN CHARACTER.

FOR JULES' SAKE THOUGH, I FELT I NEEDED TO CONVINCE CHARLES THAT HE HAD TO AT LEAST TRY!

TALES OF THE GREAT WAR
THE CONCLUSION
LIFE UNDER-GROUND

IT'S NO USE, BERNIE! I'M A FAILURE- PLAIN AND SIMPLE!

ANYTHING I DO NOW COULD ONLY MAKE THINGS WORSE!

AND IF YOU DON'T DO ANYTHING, JULES HAS NO HOPE AT ALL!

WRITTEN by KEN PENDERS
PENCILED by CHRIS ALLAN
INKED by JIM AMASH
LETTERED by JEFF POWELL
COLORED by FRANK GAGLIARDO
EDITED by J.F. GABRIE

AND IF I TRY TO RECTIFY THINGS--

--WHO'S TO SAY I CAN EVEN SAVE MY BROTHER?

"NONE OF MY PLEADINGS MATTERED TO CHARLES' REALIZING THE FUTILITY OF MY EFFORTS, I DECIDED TO LEAVE HIM BE

POOR CHARLES!

I'M AT A LOSS TO SAY WHO NEEDS HELP MORE-- HIM OR MY HUSBAND!

"THE LITTLE INFORMATION CHARLES DID PROVIDE DEALT WITH THE FACT THAT HE NOW ENTRUSTED ALL HIS EQUIPMENT--INCLUDING THE ROBOTICIZER- WITH WARLORD JULIAN!

WHAT A RUDE AWAKENING I WAS IN FOR WHEN I FOUND HIM AND HIS DESPICABLE NEPHEW SNIVELY, IN THE LAB

SR CHARLES DEVICE IS A WONDER, SNIVELY!

BEHOLD HOW COMPLIANT OUR LAB RAT IS!

JUST WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, JULIAN!

MY HUSBAND IS NOT SOME MINDLESS PUPPET FOR YOU TO EXPERIMENT ON!!

QUITE THE CONTRARY, MY DEAR BERNADETTE! SEE FOR YOURSELF!

JULES PUT DOWN THAT P3H8 MX-UNIT OVER THERE--

OH, MY!

--AND TAKE HOLD OF BERNADETTE!

JULES!!

NOW THROW HER INTO THE ROBOTICIZER!

NOOOOO!!

STOP! STOP!

ARRGHH!

SSSSSSS

THAT'S REAL CHILLING--

--TURNING YOUR OWN HUSBAND AGAINST YOU.

SO IF NEITHER OF YOU COULD THINK FOR YOURSELVES--

--HOW DID YOU GET FREE?

FREE?!

FOR US THE NIGHTMARE HAS NEVER ENDED!

HOW WOULD YOU FEEL--

"--IF YOU **WOKE UP** ONE MORNING TO DISCOVER YOUR WHOLE WORLD **DRASTICALLY ALTERED?**

"SOON AFTER CHARLES REGAINED HIS **FREE WILL**' HE PAID ME A VISIT..

HERE, JULES. **GRAB** ONTO THIS **POWER RING!**

"I DON'T REMEMBER **FEELING** PAIN OR JOY OR ANYTHING **UNTIL** THAT MOMENT BUT ONCE I LATCHED ONTO THE RING--

"--I FELT LIKE MY **INSIDES** WERE GETTING **KICKED IN!**

"REGAINING MY SENSES I COULD SEE THE **FIGURE** STANDING BEFORE ME WAS **VAGUELY** FAMILIAR .

DON'T YOU **RECOGNIZE** YOUR OWN **BROTHER?**

"I WAS **AFRAID** YOU'D **ASK!**

WHEN SHE **SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED**, I WENT LOOKING FOR HER BUT EVERY ROAD LED TO A **DEAD END** .."

I WAS TOLD YOU WERE THE **LAST ONE** WHO SAW MY **SISTER-IN-LAW**, JULIAN!

NOT LOOKING THROUGH THESE EYES I DON'T

[illegible]ERE'S **BERNIE?** SHE'S NOT... LIKE US [illegible]S SHE?

NDEED I WAS! I CAUGHT HER **FOOLING AROUND** W TH THE **ROBOTICIZER--**

--BUT I WAS **TOO LATE** TO **SAVE** HER FROM HER OWN **IGNORANCE!**

WRACKED WITH **GUILT** CHARLES FOUND THE **DEMANDS** OF **PARENTING** EVEN MORE **DAUNTING**

HOW CAN I TE[illegible] SON C I'M THE ONE **RESPONSIBLE** FOR THE **LOSS** OF H S **PARENTS?**

YOU MENTIONED SONIC!

WHERE IS HE NOW? IS HE ALL RIGHT?

HE'S FINE! HE'S BECOME QUITE A LEADER, YOUR SON!

I THINK YOU'LL BE VERY PROUD OF ALL HE'S ACCOMPLISHED!

NOW, C'MON--

--THERE'S A LOT OF WORK THAT NEEDS OUR ATTENTION!

DOWN HERE?! IN THE SEWERS?!

IT'S TOO DANGEROUS UP ON THE SURFACE BUT DOWN BELOW--

-WE HAVE A BASE WE CAN OPERATE FROM

I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED THEN AND THERE HOW DELUSIONAL MY BROTHER WAS!

WE WOULD NEED AT LEAST AN ARMY IN ORDER TO FIGHT BACK--

"--WHILE THE **BEST** WE COULD MUSTER WAS ONLY A **MERE HANDFUL!**"

RUDYARD!

GET DOWN HERE **BEFORE** THE 'BOTS **CATCH** YOU!

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO "LADIES FIRST?"

BERNIE! I THOUGHT--

YOU THOUGHT **WHAT?** THAT YOU'D **NEVER** SEE ME **AGAIN?** **MEN!** DON'T YOU KNOW--

YOU'RE **MY** WORLD, JULES--**YOU** AND **OUR SON!** AND I'LL DO **ANYTHING** TO KEEP US **TOGETHER!**

SPEAKING OF **SONIC**-- DOES HE **KNOW** ABOUT US, CHARLES?

I'VE TOLD THE BOY **ABSOLUTELY NOTHING,** JULES! HE'S BEEN UNDER **ROSIE'S** CARE EVER SINCE ROBOTNIK TOOK OVER TEN YEARS AGO.

IF YOU WANT, I CAN TELL HIM I'VE **FREED** YOUR MINDS WITH POWER RINGS!

"WE DECIDED IN THE END IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR SONIC **NOT** TO SEE US IN OUR PRESENT CONDITION--"

--BUT TO **REMEMBER** US AS WE WERE! AT LEAST NOT UNTIL AFTER ROBOTNIK'S DEFEAT!

AN **AMAZING** TALE! **HOW** IS IT **POSSIBLE** FOR YOU TO **RECALL** EVENTS YOU WERE NOT EVEN **CONSCIOUS** DURING?

I LEARNED WHAT I COULD FROM **WHOMEVER** I TALKED TO.

BUT THE MOST **REVEALING** SOURCE HAPPENED TO **BELONG** TO MY **BROTHER!**

CHARLES RECORDED HIS **JOURNALS** ON **ZIP DISKS** SUCH AS THE ONE I'M NOW HOLDING!

THIS DISK IN PARTICULAR COULD BE THE **ANSWER** TO MANY THINGS STILL LEFT UNANSWERED!

ONCE MY BROTHER WAS **RECAPTURED** ANY HOPE OF **DECODING** IT WAS **LOST!**

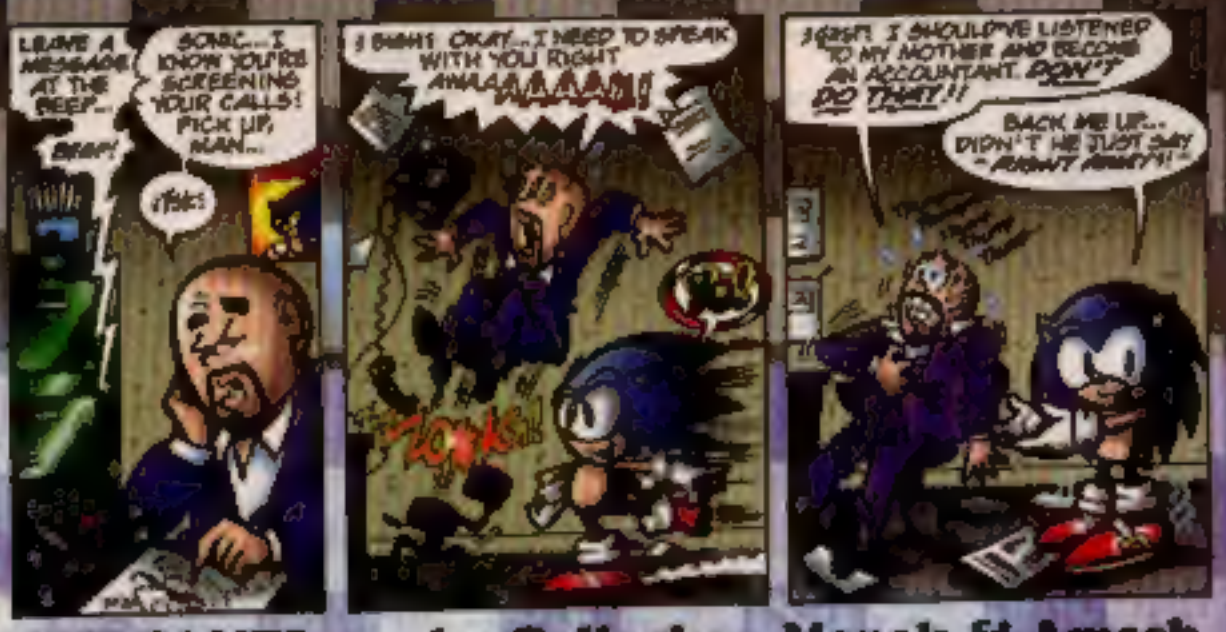
MAYBE FOR NOW, DEAR SIR--

--BUT **TOMORROW** IS **ANOTHER DAY!**

AND WITH THAT WE CONCLUDE **TALES FROM THE GREAT WAR!** BUT DON'T GO AWAY, GANG! NEXT ISSUE, GET READY FOR MORE

SONIC ADVENTURE

SONIC-GRAMS



OFF PANEL **by Gallagher, Manak & Amash**

THIS JUST IN!

HERE IT IS! The much-publicized "SONIC ADVENTURE" storyline! We had a huge juggling act to do since we had to take the game's storyline and somehow meld it into our own continuity. This, while trying to keep faithful to both. For all you gamers picking up the book for the first time, write in and let us know what you think. Hey, same thing goes for our long-time readers who have gone through Sonic's many adaptations over the years.

On to other stuff... Last issue reprinted the Off-Panel strip from Sonic #76. Why? Because you demanded it! No, just kidding! Actually, that was a printing problem. It happens. Sorry! In case you missed the last issue, please note that the e-mail address will now be: soniccolumn@archiecomics.com. Second, as mentioned on page 6 of the first story, the Sonic comics have decided to change the footnote rule for your reading pleasure. Rather than have an asterisk direct you to a footnote reference at the bottom of the panel, footnote numbers will show up. These numbers will correspond to footnote references to be found in the letters page. This will free up the visuals from extra captions. It will also allow the story to flow better since you're not forced to read the footnote at every turn. Instead, you can wait to find out afterwards if you're interested. As I asked of you last issue, I'd like to hear your thoughts on how well you like this approach, as well as some other things (like the book's new look, etc). That's it for this month, so until then...

Catch you on the flip side!

J.F. GABRIE
Editor / Art Director

Note: Due to the overwhelming amount of e-mail and snail mail, it is impossible for us to reply personally to each and every message. However, your opinions are important to us and each message will be read. Also, due to space limitations, some correspondence may be edited. Thanks for understanding!

Send letters to: **SONIC-GRAMS #79**
C/O ARCHIE COMIC PUBLICATIONS, INC.
P.O. BOX #419 MAMARONECK, NY 10543-0419
E-MAIL: soniccolumn@archiecomics.com
WEBSITE: www.archiecomics.com
SEGA WEBSITE: www.sega.com

Footnote References:

1) SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #64-66.

2) See last issue.

3) A shrine for keeping and displaying relics.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Next Month: THE OFFICIAL GAME ADAPTATION OF THE NEW SEGA DREAMCAST'S "SONIC ADVENTURE" CONTINUES! In the first story, as Sonic and the Freedom Fighters make their preparations to go to the mysterious Hidden City of The Ancients, something happens to Amy Rose! Story & Art by Bollers, Fry & Pepoy. The second story stars Knuckles as he deals with the consequences of the fallen island! Story & Art by Penders, Butler and Eklund. Also included, the introduction of Big The Cat and his pal Froggy in "Swallowing Trouble!" All this in the next exciting issue of SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #80 on sale late November 1999!

Re: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #75

The vote is in on "I Am The Eggman," featuring the return of Doctor Robotnik (well, sort of...), and it seems we've got a winner on our hands! Check it out:

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I just got SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #75, and I'd like to say, "Thanks for the heart attack!" Robo-Robotnik! I'm still in shock! You should've given everyone a free heart jump before you pulled that one. I'm surprised that Snively is good now. Oh boy! And I want to tell Sonic that I'm happy he has his family back. And to King Acorn, hey, you've got guts! I checked out Fry's artwork and I love it. I also want to thank all Sonic fans for keeping our favorite hedgehog alive. On with the questions: 1)How is Rotor doing in finding his parents? 2) Can you please give Tails his own regular series? You guys rock! I'd like other fans to write to me.

Amanda S.
(age 15)
2996 Woodford Dr.
West Bend, WI 53090

Glad you liked the issue, Amanda. We love Fry's artwork, too! 1) Rotor's quest is the subject of an upcoming story. 2) There are no plans for a Tails solo title, but if enough fans request it, who knows?

Dear Sonic-Grams,

SONIC #75 is the best issue you've made. I like the new Shadow-Bots. I liked the ending. I have a few questions: 1)Is Robo-Robotnik the villain now? 2) Will Tails Nauget be back? 3)What kind of animal is Princess Sally? Will Knuckles be in the comic anytime soon?

Jared Sidor
(age 11)
Norridge, IL

1)Robo-Robotnik is now the regular villain, but don't rule out other [illegible] 2) Not any time soon. 3) Sally is a half squirrel (from her father's side), hence the name "Acorn." 4) Sooner than you think, Boss! Keep reading...

Dear Sonic,

Your 75th issue was [illegible]-ly wonderful and surprising. You guys are right, the comic has plenty of surprises. I'm satisfied now that the question of Robotnik's fate has been laid to rest. I'm sad to see that he is truly dead, but I look forward to the adventures of Sonic fighting against Robo-Robotnik.

Garrett Noble
(age 11)
Jeffersonville, IL

Thanks, Garrett! We're looking forward to them as well!

Dear Sonic-Grams,

Issue #75 was a blast! Robo-Robotnik seems like a stupid jerk. I have some questions: 1) How long was Pam-Eklund working for you before she stopped? 2)When, if ever, are all of the Robians-- or at least Uncle Chuck, Rotor, and Sonic's parents going to be derobotnicized? 3) Will #100 be the last issue? Even if it isn't, could you give a hint to the ending?

Kim Bratton
(age 17)
Citrus Heights, CA

1) Pam hasn't stopped working for us, Kim. Her inks are a big part of what makes our KNUCKLES series so eye-pleasing! 2)When a way is found to reverse the process. 3)Don't count on it! Hinting ruins the surprise, don't you think!

Hey, everybody!

SONIC #75 was spectacular! Issue #[illegible] changed everything, and now, so does #75. It was a dramatic and effective way of setting the stage for the next chapter in the lives of the Robians. Great job, guys, and here's to issue #100 and beyond!

Deanna King
(age 16)
Eau Claire, WI

We appreciate the kind words, Reanna! Glad you're along for the ride!

We appreciate your comments on SONIC #75. See you in thirty as we review SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #76. And remember...

KEEP ON JUICIN'!

Cover by Patrick Spaziante and Harvey Mercadoocasio. Colors and separations by Josh D. Ray.